

*WHEREAS, general aviation and community airports play an important role in the lives of Coloradans, as well as in the operations of our farms and businesses; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and*

*WHEREAS, our state is home to 74 public use airports that serve 17,668 pilots and 7,066 general aviation aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's general aviation and commercial service airports contribute \$2.4 billion to our state's economy each year; and*

*WHEREAS, general aviation plays an important role in our response to emergencies and natural disasters throughout the state; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado aviation activity sustains 265,700 jobs and a payroll of nearly \$12.6 billion, a significant amount of which is contributed by our 60 general aviation-only airports; and*

*WHEREAS, our state is home to 40 charter flight companies, 71 repair stations, 3,701 flight instructors, 3,178 student pilots, and 9 FAA Part 141 flight training schools, in addition to 70 fixed-based operators and 447 heliports; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado depends on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, organizations including the Colorado Aeronautical Board, Colorado Division of Aeronautics, Colorado Aviation Business Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Colorado Airport Operators Association, Colorado Pilots Association, Colorado Aerial Applicators Association, National Air Transport Association, National Business Aviation Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association recognize, promote, and develop the interests and importance of general aviation in our state, our nation, and the wider world;*

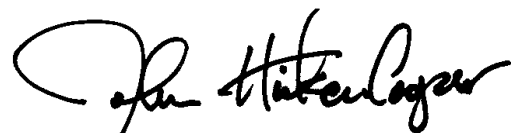
*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, June 2016, as*

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this first day of June, 2016*



  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor